

This Week

Alan and Nikki unavailable this week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday worship. (no 11:45am Service)

Monday 9:30am Churchyard Team, 7pm Bellringing, 8pm Mandolin Monday.

Tuesday 12noon Jazz.

Wednesday 9am Cleaning, 12noon Words and Music, 1:30pm Knitting Group.

Thursday 9:30am Morning Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 8pm Worship Team Practice.

Friday 12noon Jazz.

Saturday Grundon Room hire.

Services:

Early Morning: 8am, 8:30am

Mid-Morning: 9:30am Songs of Praise
10-11am Welcome, Worship,
Word & Communion

Late Morning: 11:45am, 12pm
with lunch @ 12:30pm

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The Link 

Sunday 25th August 2019

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

Theme: Parables-The Lost Sheep. The Ten Virgins.

Readings: Matthew 18:12-14 & Matthew 25: 1-13

¹²“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹“No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Question/Point to Ponder? What is the wedding banquet and how can you be always ready for it?

Today-

Coffee is served by: Liz & Diana

Prayer Ministry available in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

11:45am Service. Unfortunately due to holidays there will be no late morning service today all other services remain the same.

For You Prayers:

On 24 February, a majority of the Cuban people voted in favour of a new constitution that severely limits freedom of religion or belief. Article 15, which covers freedom of religion, removes language explicitly protecting religious rights and replaces it with vague references to rights and responsibilities - which could facilitate further abuses by the government. The campaign against the new constitution was backed by different church denominations from all over Cuba – an unprecedented show of unity in the Cuban population. Give thanks to God for this unity, and pray that it will continue in the future.

Many of the church leaders who spoke out against the new constitution experienced severe harassment both before and after the referendum. Some have even been branded counter- revolutionaries – essentially enemies of the state. Pray that God would grant them both courage and protection.

Rev Hernandez publicly opposed the draft constitution, and received a call branding him a counter- revolutionary. 'I have total confidence that, even in Cuba, God reigns. Pray for me and my family...my wife and I have spoken and prayed because at any moment they could take me prisoner.' Pray that God would watch over Rev Hernandez and his family.

ECO News



Alternative cleaning materials. The use of cleaning wipes has been highlighted recently on the BBC and in the media. They are a problem as they contain plastic, so are not recyclable and cause major problems, blocking waste pipes, when not disposed of properly. Make your own by cutting up unused cotton t-shirts into squares and making your own cleaner with white wine vinegar and essential oils.

General News

Kings Kids Returns Sunday 15th September at St Andrews Park , John Locke Academy Bader Way 10:30am –12



All Stars Fun for all the family and a nutritious meal returns Friday 20th September in Church from 3:30pm.

Summer Theme: For July and August we will be focusing on Parables.

The disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables."

Matthew 13:10-13

Theme for September: Stories from the Old Testament and God's Mission.

1st Sept– Transforming lives through Sharing.

8th Sept– Creation by the Word Green Communion.

15th Sept– Binding of Isaac.

22nd Sept– Jacob's Dream.

29th Sept– God's Name is Revealed.

